

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 882

Introduced by Assembly Member Nation

February 18, 2005

An act to amend Section 47601 of the Education Code, relating to charter schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 882, as introduced, Nation. Charter schools.

The Charter Schools Act of 1992 authorizes any one or more persons to submit a petition to the governing board of a school district to establish a charter school that operates independently from the existing school district structure as a method of accomplishing specified goals.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to the act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 47601 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:
3 47601. It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this part,
4 to provide opportunities for teachers, parents, pupils, and
5 community members to establish and maintain schools that
6 operate independently from the existing school district structure,
7 as a method to accomplish all of the following:
8 (a) Improve pupil learning.

- 1 (b) Increase learning opportunities for all pupils, with special
- 2 emphasis on expanded learning experiences for pupils who are
- 3 identified as academically low achieving.
- 4 (c) Encourage the use of different and innovative teaching
- 5 methods.
- 6 (d) Create new professional opportunities for teachers,
- 7 including the opportunity to be responsible for the learning
- 8 program at the schoolsite.
- 9 (e) Provide parents and pupils with ~~expanded~~ *additional*
- 10 choices in the types of educational opportunities that are
- 11 available within the public school system.
- 12 (f) Hold the schools established under this part accountable for
- 13 meeting measurable pupil outcomes, and provide the schools
- 14 with a method to change from rule-based to performance-based
- 15 accountability systems.
- 16 (g) Provide vigorous competition within the public school
- 17 system to stimulate continual improvements in all public schools.